

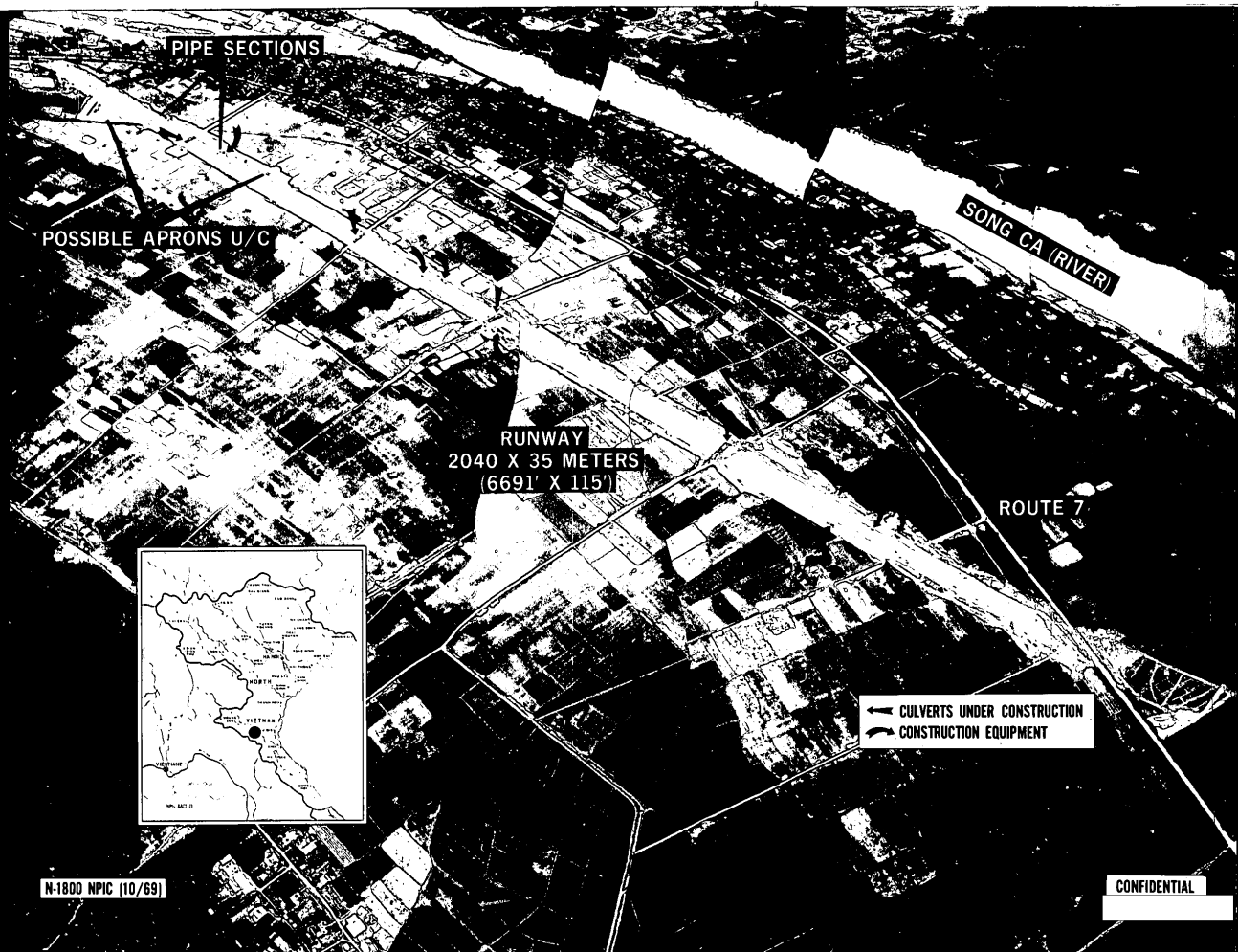
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QUAN LANG AIRFIELD
NORTH VIETNAM
18-58N 105-02E

MISSION BO Q357, 1 OCTOBER 1969

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QUAN LANG AIRFIELD
NORTH VIETNAM
185854N 1050235E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THE AIRFIELD IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO ROUTE 7, 16 NAUTICAL MILES (NM) FROM THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER. ROUTE 7 IS THE MAIN ARTERY INTO LAOS AND THE PLAINE DES JARRES.

2. LOCATION:

THE AIRFIELD IS LOCATED AT UTM WF 054979, 43 NM NORTHWEST OF VINH AND 16 NM FROM THE NVN/LAOS BORDER, ADJACENT TO ROUTE 7.

3. REMARKS:

THE PROXIMITY OF THIS AIRFIELD TO THE NVN/LAOS BORDER SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT MAY BE USED AS A LOGISTICAL SUPPORT BASE FOR SUPPLYING OR SUPPORTING NORTH VIETNAMESE/PATHET LAO ACTIVITIES IN LAOS. THE LACK OF FACILITIES, TAXIWAYS, DISPERSAL AREAS AND REVETMENTS PROBABLY INDICATE THAT THE AIRFIELD IS BEING BUILT FOR TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, WITH A SECONDARY FUNCTION OF JET RECOVERY.

4. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

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5. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

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6. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS:

RUNWAY 2040 METERS X 35 METERS (6691' X 115')

7. MISSION READOUT: BO Q357 1 OCTOBER 1969 REVEALS EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY CONTINUING AT QUAN LANG AIRFIELD. THE 2040 X 35 METER (6691 X 115 FT) RUNWAY (INCLUDING POSSIBLE OVERRUNS) IS IN MID STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. TWO POSSIBLE PARKING APRONS HAVE BEEN DELINEATED AS WELL AS A POSSIBLE OVERRUN AT THE SE END OF THE RUNWAY. CRUSHED STONE FROM A NEARBY KARST FORMATION HAS BEEN SPREAD OVER APPROXIMATELY 900 METERS AT THE NW END OF THE RUNWAY.

PIPE HAS BEEN LAID IN THE FOUR LARGE CULVERTS CROSSING THE RUNWAY. IN ADDITION, AT LEAST 64 PIPE SECTIONS, IN ROWS OF 4, ARE LAID OUT AT THE NW END OF THE RUNWAY. DRAINAGE DITCHES PARALLELLING THE RUNWAY WERE IN PLACE IN

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A DRAINAGE SYSTEM PERPENDICULAR TO THE RUNWAY IS NOW BEING BUILT.

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CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OBSERVED AT THE AIRFIELD INCLUDES 4 CRAWLER TRACTORS, (2 TOWING SCRAPERS) ONE GRADER AND ONE POWER SHOVEL.

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